GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

EFS&T Department - Diversion of 0.933 Ha of forest land in Atmakur Range of Nellore Division for Up-gradation of existing road from Km.641/000 to 643/083 and from Km.657/000 to Km. 657/478 of NH -67 to two lane with paved shoulders in the State of Andhra Pradesh under NHDP-IV, in favour of Executive Engineer (R&B), NH Division, Kadapa- **In-principle (Stage-I)** approval accorded - Orders issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE &TECHNOLOGY (Section-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 63 **Dated: 16-03-2017**

Read the following:-

1. From PCCF & HoFF, A.P, Lr. Rc No.1700/2016/FCA-3, Dt.16-02-2017.
2. GoI, MoEF& C.C, New Delhi, Lr.F.No. 11-9/98-FC, dated 13-02-2014

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ORDER:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, in the letter 1st read above, has submitted a proposal under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 0.933 Ha of forest land in Atmakur Range of Nellore Division for Up-gradation of existing road from Km.641/000 to 643/083 and from Km.657/000 to Km. 657/478 of NH -67 to two lane with paved shoulders in the State of Andhra Pradesh under NHDP-IV, in favour of Executive Engineer (R&B), NH Division, Kadapa and requested to accord approval in view of the guidelines issued time to time by Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, vide letter 2nd read above.

2. Government after careful examination of the proposal and in exercise of the powers delegated to State Government in the guidelines issued by Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, in the reference 2nd read above, hereby accord **in-principle (Stage-I)** approval for diversion of 0.933 Ha of forest land in Atmakur Range of Nellore Division for Up-gradation of existing road from Km.641/000 to 643/083 and from Km.657/000 to Km. 657/478 of NH -67 to two lane with paved shoulders in the State of Andhra Pradesh under NHDP-IV, in favour of Executive Engineer (R&B), NH Division, Kadapa, subject to the following conditions:-

(i) The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.

(ii) The demarcation of the forest area proposed for diversion shall be carried out by erecting cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of user agency.

(iii) The User Agency shall pay the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, dated:28-3-2008 and 9-5-2008 in IA Nos. 826 in 566 with related IA's in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202 of 1995 and as per the orders issued by Government of Andhra Pradesh vide Go.Ms.No.124 EFS&T (For.I) Dept., dated:27-7-2010.

(iv) Additional amount of the Net Present value (NPV) of the diverted forest land, if any becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be paid by the user agency. The user agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.

(v) The funds received from the user agency towards Net Present value (NPV), under this project shall be deposited either in SB A/c No.SB01025198, Compensatory Afforestation Fund (CAF), Andhra Pradesh, Corporation Bank, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110 003 (RTGS/IFSC No.CORP0000371) or in SB A/c No.344902010105 407 - Andhra Pradesh CAMPA, Union Bank of India, Sundar Nagar, New Delhi-110003 (RTGS/IFSC No.UBINO534498).

(vi) The Divisional Forest Officer shall ensure that the number of trees to be felled will not exceed 45, as per the undertaking given by the user agency.

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(vii) Other conditions specified in the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, letter dated. 13-2-2014 shall also be complied with by Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, and user agency with which they are concerned.

(viii) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.933 ha. In case the land is not taken over by the user agency or the same is not used for the stipulated purpose within a period of two years, then the area shall be taken back by the Forest Department.

(ix) After receipt of the compliance report of the above conditions, the proposal will be considered for final approval. Transfer of forest land to the user agency shall not be effected prior to the issue of final approval. This approval shall be valid for a period of 5 years. In the event of non compliance of the above conditions, this approval shall automatically stand revoked.

3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, is therefore directed to take further necessary action accordingly.

BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G.ANANTHA RAMU
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
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The Executive Engineer (R&B), NH Division, Kadapa.
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SECTION OFFICER